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JUDGMENT DAY

PAUL MANAFORT

GUILTY OF EIGHT CHARGES IN FRAUD TRIAL

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Paul Manafort's wife, Kathleen Manafort (left, wearing white), with defense attorney Jay Nanavati (right) leave federal court in Virginia on Tuesday.

The decision • The jury convicts Manafort on eight of 18 counts, and says it was deadlocked on the other 10

'It doesn't involve me' • Trump says the verdict 'has nothing to do with' Russian interference in the 2016 election

What's next • Possible prison sentence isn't clear, but legal experts say Manafort likely faces more than a decade in prison

BY MATTHEW BARAKAT, CHAD DAY AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, VA. • Paul Manafort, the longtime political operative who for months led Donald Trump's successful presidential campaign, was found guilty of eight financial crimes Tuesday in the first trial victory of the special counsel investigation into the president's associates.

A judge declared a mistrial on 10 other counts the jury could not agree on.

The verdict was part of a stunning one-two punch of bad news for the White House, coming as the president's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, was pleading guilty in New York to campaign finance charges arising from hush money payments made to two women who say they had sexual relationships with Trump.

The jury returned the decision after deliberating four days on tax and bank fraud charges against Manafort, who led Trump's election effort during a crucial stretch of 2016, including as he clinched the Republican nomination and during the party's convention.

Manafort, who appeared jovial earlier in the day amid signs the jury was struggling in its deliberations, focused intently on the jury as the clerk read off the charges. He stared down blankly at the defense table, then looked up, expressionless, as the judge finished thanking the jury.

"Mr. Manafort is disappointed of not getting acquittals all the way through or a complete hung jury

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ANALYSIS

Truth overtakes tweets in cases that bolster Mueller's hand

BY DAN BALZ
Washington Post

No day during President Donald Trump's 19 months in office could prove as dangerous or debilitating as Tuesday. Everything that happened in a pair of courtrooms hundreds of miles apart strengthened the hand of special counsel Robert Mueller and weakened that of the president of the United States.

This was a day when truth overran tweets, when facts overwhelmed bald assertions. Presidential tweets, however provocative, eventually disappear into the ether. Tuesday's convictions could send two people who have had close relationships with Trump to prison for several years, while one of them brought the investigation to the doorstep of the White House.

What took place Tuesday will ratchet up the pressure on the president, will embolden his critics, and will no doubt inflame and rally his supporters. If the past months have seemed increasingly hot, the

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MICHAEL COHEN

SAYS TRUMP DIRECTED PAYMENTS TO PORN STAR

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Michael Cohen, former personal lawyer to President Donald Trump, leaves federal court in New York on Tuesday where he pleaded guilty to eight criminal charges.

'Guilty, your honor' • Cohen pleads guilty to eight violations of banking, tax and campaign finance laws

Trump implicated • 'Fixer' says he worked with Trump before the election to keep quiet stories of alleged affairs

What's next • A sentencing date is set for December, with a recommended prison sentence of 46 to 63 months

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

NEW YORK • Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer and "fixer," pleaded guilty Tuesday to campaign-finance violations and other charges, saying he and Trump arranged the payment of hush money to porn star Stormy Daniels and a former Playboy model to influence the election.

Cohen's account appears to implicate Trump himself in a crime, though whether — or when — a president can be prosecuted remains a matter of legal dispute.

The guilty plea came almost at the same moment former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort was convicted in Alexandria, Va., of eight financial crimes in the first jury trial to arise from special counsel Robert Mueller's sprawling Russia investigation.

In a deal reached with federal prosecutors, Cohen, 51, pleaded guilty to eight counts in all, including tax evasion and making a false statement to a financial institution. He could get about four to five years in prison at sentencing Dec. 12.

In entering the plea, Cohen did not name the two women or even Trump, recounting instead that he worked with an "unnamed candidate." But the amounts and the dates all lined up with the payments made to Daniels and Karen McDougal, a former Playboy model, in the weeks and months leading up to the 2016 presidential election.

Cohen, his voice shaky as he answered questions from a federal judge, said one payment was "in

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Divergent voting blocs decided Stenger's, Bell's primary victories

BY JEREMY KOHLER
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS COUNTY • Drive Highway 40 (Interstate 64) west from the city line and gaze a few miles to either side of you until you reach the Daniel Boone Bridge. Behold: Mark Mantovani Country.

The challenger to County Executive Steve Stenger enjoyed double-digit leads over his opponent across the region's wealthy central corridor but could not make enough inroads with the working-class people of north and south St. Louis County, who generally supported Stenger, according to final voting data released Tuesday by the St. Louis County Board of Elections.

That was the tale of the 2018 Democratic primary, which saw Stenger defeat Mantovani by

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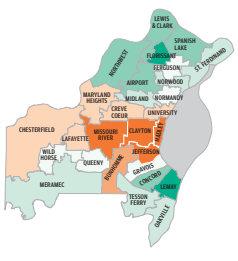

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